

Robert H. Cunningham, 50, Security Agent With CIA

Robert H. Cunningham, 50, of 807 East Broad street, Falls Church, died this morning in Washington Hospital Center of cancer.

A security and investigative agent with the Central Intelligence Agency, he had been with that organization since it was formed in 1947. Mr. Cunningham had a total of 23 years of Government service.

He was a native of Buffalo, N. Y., and a graduate of Canisius College near there. He also held a law degree from the University of Buffalo.

After he finished his schooling Mr. Cunningham practiced law for several years in Buffalo, then came to Washington in 1936 as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He worked with the Department of Agriculture in 1945 and 1946, and in the latter year joined the Central Intelligence Group, predecessor of CIA.

Mr. Cunningham was a member of the bar in New York State and was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

He was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Falls Church.

He leaves his wife, Mrs.

Marion Riley Cunningham; three children, Mary, James and Roberta, all of the home address; two sisters, Mrs. Mary C. Argus of Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. Gertrude C. O'Donnell of Buffalo, and two brothers, Dr. Irving J. Cunningham of Los Angeles and James D. Cunningham of Detroit.

Funeral arrangements were not yet complete.